MAKE YOUR MARK - IT'S YOUR MOVE!
Dear Bobcats,

Welcome to the 2016-17 academic year! I am excited to welcome back our continuing students and to welcome the new undergraduate and graduate students who have joined our growing campus community.

Welcome Week celebrates the start of the new school year and is designed to help make our new students' transition to college life at UC Merced as smooth as possible. Your first few weeks here will set the tone for the rest of the academic year, so make the most of them by attending the Welcome Week activities we have planned for you.

The scheduled events are intended to help familiarize you with the campus and acquaint you with available resources and opportunities. I encourage you to participate in as many activities as possible. Returning students are also encouraged to attend Welcome Week to meet some new Bobcat friends and explore new possibilities.

We hope that you begin to expand your horizons to include new friends, experiences and ideas. You might even discover new things about yourself, including your new abilities and interests. As part of the University of California system — widely regarded as the premier public research university in the world — you have access to faculty members who are experts in their fields. You will experience novel approaches to learning and problem solving, and we encourage you to embrace our campus's spirit of innovation.

Also, be sure to invite your family to attend Family Weekend October 21 through 23. They are an important part of our extended family.

I look forward to what promises to be an exciting new academic year. Please don’t hesitate to approach any of our friendly and knowledgeable faculty and staff members for assistance. We are deeply committed to helping you succeed.

Fiat Lux,

Dorothy Leland
Chancellor
Dear Bobcats,

Welcome!

As you know, the University of California is known internationally for its three pillars of excellence in research, teaching and public service. At UC Merced, the focus for students isn’t on surviving; it’s on embracing these pillars as cornerstones of a successful collegiate career.

Ultimately, college success is more about taking advantage of all the opportunities available and moving beyond survival. It is about learning to thrive.

We hope that you will take advantage of the Welcome Week activities as part of the opportunities available to you. Our theme this year is “Make Your Mark … It’s Your Move!”. There are many services, departments, programs, resources, and faculty and staff members at UC Merced to help support your smooth transition and successful completion of your degree.

If you are a new student, participate in as many activities as your schedule allows. These activities are designed to help you start your college career with the right tools. If you are a returning student, re-connect with old friends and try something new. Whether the something new is learning about research opportunities, exploring study abroad programs, or connecting with the Merced community, new opportunities expand your educational experience.

Our hope is that you will challenge yourself to step out of your comfort zone. That action alone is the first step in your journey to not only surviving your college experience but thriving beyond your expectations.

I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year on all you have accomplished, learned, and discovered.

Best wishes for 2016-2017!

Go Bobcats,
Charles Nies, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

FAMILY WEEKEND: OCTOBER 21-23, 2016

The University of California, Merced, invites you to attend Family Weekend 2016, a campus-wide celebration in honor of parents, grandparents, and all extended family. We encourage you to take part in this unique weekend experience which will provide your family the opportunity to explore the university and everything it has to offer.

Family Weekend is a great opportunity for families to return to campus to visit with students, learn more about campus programs and services, tour university facilities, explore the Merced community and have fun!

Additional details about Family Weekend will be posted on the Office of Student Life website (studentlife@ucmerced.edu) in August. A Family Weekend mailer, which includes program details and registration information, will be sent to parents in late August using the students’ permanent address on file with the university.
WELCOME HOME

**AUG SUNDAY 21**
**Game Show Night** 9-11PM
CA, ALPINE, CRESSENT ARCH & CAT QUAD

**AUG MONDAY 22**
**Block Party** 8PM - 12AM
MUIR PASS

**AUG TUESDAY 23**
**Craft Night** 7-10 PM
**Target Night** 7PM - 12 AM
CA ROOM
BUSES @ TENAYA & HERITAGE

**AUG THURSDAY 25**
**Live Band Karaoke** 8 - 11PM
AMPHITHEATER

**AUG FRIDAY 26**
**Gizzles Game** 3 - 11 PM
**Neon Bingo** 9 - 11 PM
FRESNO, CA
CA ROOM

**AUG SATURDAY 27**
**Casino Night** 9PM - 12AM
**Yosemite Trip** 7:30AM - 7PM
BOBCAT LAIR

**AUG SUNDAY 28**
**Screen On The Green** 9 - 11PM
MARIPOSA LAWN

Contact Jenni Plueard at jplueard@ucmerced.edu
Welcome UC Merced Fellow Bobcat!

Based on university-wide faculty recommendations and curricular considerations, the Core 1 Organizing Committee, in conjunction with the Office of Undergraduate Education, has selected second edition of Sandra Steingraber's Living Downstream: An Ecologist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment—a contemporary classic of critical autobiography in the environmental and health sciences—which has been selected for UC Merced’s 2016-2017 Common Reading Project. Our goal with a common reading is to establish a greater sense of community among students and faculty by fostering open inquiry characteristic of academic life. In support of UC Merced's commitment to interdisciplinary study, the common reading experience allows students and faculty to make connections across a wide range of experience and expertise. By looking at the same text through different lenses—historical, cultural, scientific, personal, etc.—we can see how different disciplines approach prevailing social issues. This year’s book was selected for its compelling, unwavering focus on intersections between environmental and human health.

Sandra Steingraber is an internationally recognized science writer and poet whose efforts as a biologist, activist, and author have shaped public discussion of environmental health for the past two decades. Her work is renowned for its characteristic blend of personal experience (of living with cancer), lucid vision (of the literary experience of place), and unflinching analysis (of cancer's environmental underpinnings in ecosystemic pollution). A worthy companion piece to Rachel Carson’s landmark 1962 book Silent Spring, Living Downstream is as much a cautionary tale about unintended consequences of technological innovation as it is an invaluable cataloging of air-, water- and soil-borne chemicals that have extensively altered the American landscape. Steingraber is a regular contributor to a host of national news outlets, a recipient of numerous awards, and frequent consultant for national and international environmental policy. She is currently a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY, where her work has informed local debates about carcinogenic legacies of hydraulic fracturing (i.e., fracking). See her website, www.steingraber.com, for more information.

You received this book during orientation with the understanding that you made your way through it before arriving on campus for Fall semester. We will integrate discussions of the book into our curriculum; in whole or part, it is required reading in general education and writing courses (CORE 1, Writing 1, Writing 10), and recommended reading in other first-year classes.

In addition to serving as course material, the book will host special events, including symposia, guest lectures, and film screenings.

We hope that you find your own ways to connect the common reading with your coursework and with your community. But most of all, we hope you enjoy reading Living Downstream.

Welcome to UC Merced!
Hello Bobcats!

We hope that you enjoyed your summer and are ready for an exciting new year — the twelfth for UC Merced! This coming year will continue to be challenging, interesting, but most importantly — a lot of fun! The first weeks of school are going to be filled with many activities and events, and we want to make sure you know about everything that’s going on around campus. This Welcome Week booklet is packed with many activities you won’t want to miss! We hope that you will take advantage of all UC Merced has to offer. Take the time to get involved, meet faculty and staff and make new friends.

Sincerely,
Welcome Week 2016 Planning & Steering Committee

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**WELCOME WEEK GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The main goals of Welcome Week are to provide students with new opportunities when they arrive on campus, and to help them navigate the educational system. Most importantly, we hope to ensure that students start their academic journey off on the right path.

- Create a welcoming atmosphere that incorporates and integrates incoming and continuing undergraduate and graduate students.
- Facilitate opportunities that promote relationship building amongst students, staff, faculty and scholars.
- Help students to develop practices that encourage reflection, healthy and informed decision-making processes as they enter a new chapter in their educational journey.
- Introduce students to the UC Merced and Merced area communities in hopes they immerse themselves into the UC Merced and local culture.
- To encourage connections to the campus that promote retention and morale.
- Promote a holistic lifestyle of wellness for students in all aspects of their lives.
- Introduce students to campus resources and opportunities.
- Provide students, faculty, staff and scholars with a positive opportunity to connect with local businesses and community partners.

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**WELCOME WEEK GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

New students have the opportunity to join the community with all the rights and responsibilities of those already here. Students are given the same support, assistance and resources.

**HEALTHY COMMUNITY:**

Students are encouraged to participate in the events of Welcome Week. However, they are always encouraged to participate in health, wellness and recreational activities as well as any other events on campus that will promote health and emotional well-being.

**OPEN-MINDED:**

Students come from different backgrounds and cultures, and they have highly varied interests and values. Differences in gender, race, abilities, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation and religion are recognized and treated with respect and sensitivity.

**INTELLECTUAL GROWTH:**

The ultimate reason for students being here is to obtain an education. Students are encouraged to take advantage of scholarly activities and engage within their schools.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

Students are expected to be responsible academically and socially. Choices that are made affect everyone within the community.
Nacho Average
STUDY ABROAD EVENT

FREE NACHOS!

INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABROAD?

JOIN US THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH
FROM 6:00-7:30PM
IN THE ALPINE ROOM (TENAYA 170/175)

Meet study abroad returnees, hear about their experiences, and get a sneak peek into study abroad!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT:
INTERNATIONAL@UCMERCED.EDU
UC Merced Night
at Chukchansi Park
in Fresno

Did you register yet? https://goo.gl/forms/ealokhKpnp5Vn0ik1

Friday, August 26 || 4:30PM || Grizzlie Stadium

Buses will depart at 4:30pm in front of Lake Lot 1
Game will begin at 7:00pm
Free to the first 100 students to sign up!
100 half-price tickets available to staff who register and pay the $10 courtesy of Staff Assembly!
Faculty/Staff registration link:
http://giving.ucmerced.edu/grizzlies-2016

After the first 100 registries, tickets will return to original ticket price!
Event cost is:
Students: $10.00
Faculty/Staff: $20.00
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9AM - 4PM

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GET YOUR CATSPOTS CARD NOW

SEPTMBER 10

JOIN THE JOURNEY

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UC MERCED JOURNEY 5K FUND RUN
ASUCM's
Campus Activities Board
Fall 2016 Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER
CABAPALOOZA
CABCINEMA
CABTALKS

OCTOBER
SOUL’D OUT POETRY
TREATS N BEATS

NOVEMBER
CABCINEMA
CABSTERICAL

DECEMBER
WINTER BALL

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THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
Office of Student Conduct Presents
FOURTH ANNUAL
INTEGRITY WEEK

SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 24-27, 2016

The purpose of Integrity Week is to encourage ethical behavior by conducting educational programs that promote ethics, honesty, and integrity both inside and outside of the classroom.

DROP-IN HOURS
MONDAY-THURSDAY
8:30AM-4:30PM
FRIDAY
8:30AM-3:00PM

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**Saturday, August 20**

**Financial Institutions Fair**
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Lantern (KL 155)

Need a financial institution to deposit your financial aid check? We have you covered, come to the fair to discover the different options offered here in Merced. Come and get information and open your account today!

**Sunday, August 21**

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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Lantern (KL 155)

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**Game Show Night**
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Cat Quad, CA Room, Crescent Arch Room, and Alpine Room

It’s game time! Come join fellow bobcats to play a variety of games all over housing. There will be a different game theme offered at each location and you will have many opportunities to win awesome prizes.

**Monday, August 22**

**Bobcat Band’s Intro**
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
In front of OSL (KL 184)

We are tabling for the chance to recruit new students of the University of California Merced to Bobcat Band.

**Got Conflict!? ... “You can’t shake hands with a clenched fist.”**
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SSB 250

Do you have conflict with someone? Will you? What’s your conflict style? Are there confidential places to go for help? Learn practical strategies for dealing with conflict through group discussion and campus resources that can help when tough situations arise.

**Whose Flag is it Anyway?**
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Scholar’s Lane

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**A Flashback to the Past:**
**Your Elementary School Games (Circle K International)**
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Near Amphitheater

Circle K International aims to play games like Heads Up 7-Up, Red Rover and other games we played during our childhood. We believe that our childhood is important to our college years.

**VIP Programs — Project Rewind**
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
COB 105

Program Description: Ever wish you could reverse time and do something differently? Here’s your chance! Learn how to safely step in and speak up against sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

**Make Your Mark Through UCSA**
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Alpine Room

Are you interested in student advocacy? Activism? Lobbying? Advocating for student issues? UC Student Association (UCSA) has a place for you, come cool down as you learn more about how you fit in our school’s External Office of ASUCM.

**Make The Most of Your Welcome Week!**
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Bobcat Lair

Overwhelmed by all the amazing activities happening during welcome week? By helping you identify and select programs that focus on resources, reflection and relationship building activities you need to find success at UC Merced, you can navigate Welcome Week with ease! All students are welcome. Students who have not attended New Student Orientation are especially encouraged to attend.

**VIP Programs — Bad Ads**
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
COB 105

What is rape culture? Come learn how advertisements contribute to rape culture and what we can do to change our culture through cautious consuming – not only of products, but of our media as well. Let it be known that you’re #NotBuyingIt!
VIP Programs — See, Say, Do Something
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
COB 105
Program Description: Have you ever dreamed about saving the day, stepping in to help others, and solving problems? In times like these we need Bobcats to step in when others are not willing or do not know how to take action. This program will empower participants with the ability to pounce on troubling situations and provide lessons on how you can become a better Bobcat!

VIP Program — Stalking: Know It, Name It, Stop It
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
COB 105
Program Description: Stalking is a topic that rarely gets taken seriously and is often joked about or made to seem romantic. Be in the KNOW and learn how to NAME the signs of stalking, so that you can step in and STOP it.

Block Party
8:00 PM - 12:00 PM
Mariposa Lawn and Summits Courtyard
Office of Student Life, Housing & Residence Life and Recreation & Athletics presents the annual Block Party! Come celebrate move-in day and make some friends! There will be a DJ, a photo booth, free food, climbing rock, games, and much more. You will definitely not want to miss it!

Tuesday, August 23

Classroom Tours
10:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Outside the Dining Center
Tours of classrooms and instructional spaces led by Visitor Center guides

CAPS and Coffee
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
CAT Quad
Students will have the opportunity to meet, greet and chat with CAPS clinicians and staff. CAPS will be providing coffee, pastries and information about services provided throughout the academic year.

Navigating the University:
A Guide for First-Generation College Students
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
COB 110
While certainly immersed in an exciting new experience such as college, for some first-generation students college is a brand new world filled with new exciting opportunities and possibilities. However, college may also present some unknown and unforeseen obstacles and challenges not experienced before in high school. Attend this workshop and learn more about the varied services and support available to you at the university. Learn how to better utilize these resources as you navigate your way through the university.

VIP Program — What’s Your Media Feeding You?
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
COB 105
Come check out our program about how the media portrays healthy versus unhealthy relationships. Find out if you are getting a balanced “diet.”

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Exploring Majors; Discovering Passion
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
COB 113
Undeclared Advising and Career Counseling will help you efficiently explore majors, identify your strengths and begin to connect your interests to majors and careers.
VIP Program — Project Rewind
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
COB 105

Program Description: Ever wish you could reverse time and do something differently? Here’s your chance! Learn how to safely step in and speak up against sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

Men’s Soccer Popsicle Giveaway
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Lake Field

Join us on the Lake Field for the men’s soccer game verse Menlo College. Popsicles will be handed out for free at halftime of the game to students, faculty and staff who present a Cat Card.

Exploring Majors; Discovering Passion
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
COB 113

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Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Resource Center Introduction
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SSB 120

Learn about the STEM Resource Center’s academic support, including research and internship opportunities for undergraduate students.

VIP Program — Bad Ads
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
COB 105

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VIP Programs — Project Rewind
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
COB 105

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Craft Night with Housing and Residence Life
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
CA Room

Is your room looking a little dull? Want some color and decor? We’ll provide the supplies; you bring the creativity! Join us for some crafting so you can decorate your new room.

VIP Program — Speak Out!
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
COB 105

Program Description: Come check out this program that discusses power & control, gender stereotypes, and how to help a friend in regards to issues of sexual violence. Learn how to use your voice to Speak Out!

Target Night
8:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Summits Bus Stop

Join the Office of Student Life and Housing & Residence Life in a trip out to target for a night full of music, giveaways and some great sample food. Target will be staying open late especially for UC Merced students. Come have a great time with your fellow bobcats and meet new friends.

Wednesday, August 24

UC Merced Police Department Information and Property Registration
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Main Entrance (KL 155)

Department of Public Safety Information & Bike and Electronic Registration Booth

The Department of Public Safety will have Bike and Electronic Registration during each day of welcome week, as well as information on programs such as:

- The Citizens Police Academy
- The RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Program
• Mentor Program
• UCM Alert
• Text-A-Tip
• Lost and Found
• Emergency Preparedness Program
• VIRT (Violent Intruder Response Training)
Each day will focus on a specific program that the department offers in order to provide more insight into the department.

For more information, please contact the UC Merced Department of Public Safety at 209-228-2767.

Get the Scoop on DG
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Scholars Lane
Cool down with the women of Delta Gamma Fraternity and “Get the Scoop on DG.” This event will be held at the Delta Gamma table on Scholars Lane. At this event, students will be able to grab a quick bowl of ice cream while learning about the purpose of the Delta Gamma Fraternity and the values of UC Merced’s fraternity and sorority life.

VIP Program — Head’s Up!
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
COB 274
Ellen’s favorite game gets an update with violence prevention! Head’s up! It’s your turn to speak out!

Whose Flag is it Anyway?
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
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Pre-Health Basics for First-Year Students
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
SE1 298
Are you interested in a career in the health care field? Get started on your pre-health journey on the right foot. Come to this workshop learn about the resources that Pre-Health advising offers and what you can do to be a successful pre-health student.

Nuestra Historia: HaU
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Crecent Arch Room
We want to incorporate the history of HaU and what our hermandad is all about!

VIP Program — Head’s Up!
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
KL 296
Ellen’s favorite game gets an update with violence prevention! Head’s up! It’s your turn to speak out!

AFRO’s Ice Cream and Game Night
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Mariposa Lawn
AFRO’s Ice Cream and Game Night. Come and meet some new people, play games and grab some FREE ice cream. You do not want to miss out on this amazing event.

Fraternity & Sorority Life Info Session
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Bobcat Lair (KL 169)
Welcome home! Interested in joining a fraternity or sorority at UC Merced? Come to this informational session about what it means to join a fraternity or sorority, learn about the different type of chapters, and learn about the unique values opportunity provided through membership.

NRHH Ice Cream Social
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
California Room
UC Merced’s Residence Hall Association and National Residence Hall Honorary chapters are holding a joint Ice Cream Social in the California Room to give residents information about what RHA/NRHH does on campus and why they should be a part of the great organizations.

Sustainable Bobcats
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Alpine Room
During the Welcome Week event, we would begin the session by introducing the EcoReps, explain the program, goals and overall mission of the EcoReps. Following, a presentation on sustainable practices on and off campus will be shared and discussed further with the students. This will allow for dialogue and also remind Bobcats of living sustainably. Also, during the presentation we would mention sustainability related organizations, such as, UCM Recycling, Earth Club, Sustainability Student Council and other related organizations and clubs at UC Merced, to increase awareness of such and promote involvement. Contact will be provided to refer students to correct person. With this we hope to create a sense of participation and commitment to UC Merced 2020 goals. Concluding the presentational and educational portion of the event, there will be 10 minutes for questions.
We will then proceed to play a sustainability game that will be both fun and educational to keep students engaged. The objectives of the entire event are to promote sustainable living amongst students. We hope that they will gain a greater understanding of clubs and organizations that promote a positive change at UC Merced and will be inspired to join and contribute to the school. Along with promoting behavior change in housing areas of UC Merced.

**ASME Welcome Week Social**

6:15 PM - 9:00 PM  
Crescent Arch (Half Dome 180)

This welcome week event is to invite incoming students to learn and grow within ASME. We will be hosting engineering activities that embody the essence of innovation.

**VIP Program — Stalking: Know It, Name It, Stop It**

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
KL 296

Stalking is a topic that rarely gets taken seriously and is often joked about or made to seem romantic. Be in the KNOW and learn how to NAME the signs of stalking, so that you can step in and STOP it.

**SHPE-IU Meet and Greet Social**

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Alpine Room

A meet and greet social hosted by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - Ingerines Unidos, which will consist of engineering-based mini activities such as bridge building. Freshmen will be randomly grouped and engage in collaborative teamwork. There will also be time allocated to talk to returning club members and be introduced into the organization.

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**Delta and St. Jude**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Cat Quad

Join the sisters of Delta Delta Delta and learn all about our sisterhood and our philanthropy, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital! Come meet the sisters of Tri Delta and make cards for St. Jude as well!

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**VIP Program — Head’s Up!**

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM  
COB 265

Ellen’s favorite game gets an update with violence prevention! Head’s up! It’s your turn to speak out!

**HEROES Open House**

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
HEROES Office - KL 117

You will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with HEROES interns all while getting some FREE goodies. You will be provided with an office tour and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions about health & wellness!

**Navigating the University: A Guide for First-Generation College Students**

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
COB 110

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challenges not experienced before in high school. Attend this workshop and learn more about the varied services and support available to you at the university. Learn how to better utilize these resources as you navigate your way through the university.

**Dinner and a Movie**
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Downtown Merced

Enjoy one of Merced’s local favorite restaurants and their great food with company of new and old friends. Then, head over to the Main Place Movie Theatre (Downtown) for a movie of your choice. Tickets will be available during Welcome Week (limited number of tickets available) come reserve your spot at the Office of Student Life (KL 184).

**VIP Program — Stalking: Know It, Name It, Stop It**
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
COB 114

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**Nacho Average Study Abroad Event**
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Alpine Room

The Office of International Affairs is hosting the Nacho Average Study Abroad event on August 25, 2016 where students have the opportunity to learn about studying abroad options, meet returnees and eat nachos!

**VIP Program — Speak Out!**
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
COB 114

Come check out this program that discusses power & control, gender stereotypes, and how to help a friend in regards to issues of sexual violence. Learn how to use your voice to Speak Out!

**Live Band Karaoke**
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Ampitheater

Come rock out with Office of Student Life and Housing & Residence Life! Enjoy a night of singing karaoke with a live band.

**Friday, August 26**

**UC Merced Police Department Information and Property Registration**
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Main Entrance (KL 155)

Department of Public Safety Information & Bike and Electronic Registration Booth

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**SSHA Compass: Navigating UC Merced**
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
COB 322

You’ve moved to UC Merced, now what?! Join SSHA Peer Mentors to develop strategies in helping you transition from high school to college. Let us guide you to a successful first year!

**Whose Flag is it Anyway?**
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Scholar’s Lane

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VIP Program — Bad Ads
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
COB 110
What is rape culture? Come learn how advertisements contribute to rape culture and what we can do to change our culture through cautious consuming – not only of products, but of our media as well. Let it be known that you’re #NotBuyingIt!

VIP Program — Project Rewind
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
COB 110
Ever wish you could reverse time and do something differently? Here’s your chance! Learn how to safely step in and speak up against sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

LGBTQ+ Mix n’ Mingle
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Elizabeth’s Garden
The UC LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee cordially invites all LGBTQ+ Faculty, Staff, Post Doc, Graduate/Undergraduate Students & Allies to our kick off LGBTQ+ Mix n’ Mingle. Please join us as we build a more inclusive and welcoming environment for the LGBTQ+ community at UC Merced on Friday, Aug 26th 2016 from 1-3pm in the Elizabeth’s Garden.

Make Your Mark Through UCSA
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Alpine Room
Are you interested in student advocacy? Activism? Lobbying? Advocating for student issues? UC Student Association (UCSA) has a place for you, come cool down as you learn more about how you fit in our schools External Office of ASUCM.

VIP Program — Head’s Up!
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
COB 114
Ellen’s favorite game gets an update with violence prevention! Head’s up! It’s your turn to speak out!

UC Merced Baseball Night at Chukchansi Park
4:30 PM
Grizzly Stadium (in Fresno, CA)
Come hang out and unwind with fellow Bobcats while enjoying some popcorn, hot dogs, and baseball. Bring in the new school year with great vibes and cheers for your local Fresno Grizzlies!

Grad & Family Lake BBQ
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Lake Yosemite - Rotary Cove I
Come join us at the lake for a delicious bbq meal, bounce house, frisbee, volleyball and fun with your family, friends & fellow grads!

All UC Merced graduate students & their families are invited to attend. Due to limited space, the event is open to the first 250 guests. Each student may bring one adult guest with no limitation on immediate children.

Chilling with the Success Mentor Program (SMP)
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Summits Quad
Whether you want to learn more about the Success Mentor Program, have already applied, or have never heard of SMP - stop by to chill with Success Mentors, learn more about the reality of being a Bobcat from your peers, and enjoy some sweet treats. Learn more about the program, apply, and possibly meet your mentor!

Learn S’more with D.Co
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Cat Quad
Dance Coalition will use the cat quad for our first event of the year to meet interested members. There will be S’mores, games, and a dance performance put on by us to show new members what we all love to do and teach. Dance!

Saturday, August 27
Navigating the University: A Guide for First-Generation College Students
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
COB 110
While certainly immersed in an exciting new experience such as college, for some first-generation students college is a brand new world filled with new exciting opportunities and possibilities. However, college may also present some unknown and unforeseen obstacles and challenges not experienced before in high school. Attend this workshop and learn more about the varied services and support available to you at the university. Learn how to better utilize these resources as you navigate your way through the university.
VIP Program — See, Say, Do Something
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
SAAC 209
Have you ever dreamed about saving the day, stepping in to help others, and solving problems? In times like these we need Bobcats to step in when others are not willing or do not know how to take action. This program will empower participants with the ability to pounce on troubling situations and provide lessons on how you can become a better Bobcat!

Surviving the Natural Sciences
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Arch Crescent Room
We propose to hold a meeting/game with the theme of Family Feud. Participants would be split up in teams and asked questions. An example of one of these questions would be “We asked 100 Natural Science majors, what is the best resource to use when you are stuck on a math homework question?” Answers would include: Google/Internet, TA, Professor, Peer. The point of the game will be to give students valuable information and tips on how to be successful in a myriad of lower division natural science classes. Winning teams will be given a prize.

Welcome Black BBQ
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Yosemite Lake
Hey Bobcats! We are hosting our annual Welcome Black BBQ at Yosemite Lake. Please join us and get to know all of members and our new executive board. EVERYONE is invited. We will have games, music and FREE food. See you there!

Casino Night
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Bobcat Lair
Join Housing & Residence Life and of the Office of Student Life and play a hand of poker. There will be plenty of chances to win great prizes and meet other Bobcats!

Sunday, August 28

VIP Program — What’s Your Media Feeding You?
12:30 AM - 1:30 PM
SAAC 209
Program Description: Come check out our program about how the media portrays healthy versus unhealthy relationships. Find out if you are getting a balanced “diet.”

A Flashback to the Past:
Your Elementary School Games
(Circle K International)
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Near Amphitheater
Circle K International aims to play games like Heads Up 7-Up, Red Rover and other games we played during our childhood. We believe that our childhood is important to our college years.

VIP Program — Speak Out!
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SAAC 209
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Screen on the Green
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Mariposa Lawn
Join Housing and Residence Life for a movie night out on the Mariposa Lawn. Come watch Central Intelligence and enjoy some light refreshments.
Monday, August 29

Special Meeting for New Students Living Off-Campus
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Bobcat Lair (KL 169)

At this event students who are living off campus will be informed about resources for first-year students. We want to help students be successful academically, make connections to campus resources, develop a campus identity and links to campus events.

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Got Conflict!? ... “You can’t shake hands with a clenched fist.”
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SSB 250

Do you have conflict with someone? Will you? What’s your conflict style? Are there confidential places to go for help? Learn practical strategies for dealing with conflict through group discussion and campus resources that can help when tough situations arise.

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VIP Program — Head’s Up!
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
COB 264

Ellen’s favorite game gets an update with violence prevention! Head’s up! It’s your turn to speak out!

Financial Aid Advisors Meet & Greet
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Bobcat Lair

Join the Financial Aid Advising team for FREE FOOD! Learn about the services our office provides and how we can help you. We look forward to your joining us for this event!

DARTS Orientation/Meet & Greet
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
California Room

This is a chance for incoming transfer students to meet each other along with the DARTS family. Here will be announced the requirements needed for the academic year.

VIP Program — Project Rewind
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
COB 272

Program Description: Ever wish you could reverse time and do something differently? Here’s your chance! Learn how to safely step in and speak up against sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

VOICES Meet and Greet
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
COB 262

Spend time with the VOICES peer educators and beat the heat with fun, games, and free refreshments! Violence Outreach Informing Our Campus with Educational Solutions (VOICES) is a student organization dedicated to changing our culture and preventing violence in our community.

Welcome Week Investment Club
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SSB 130

Investment Group is going to be hosting a welcome week event to get to know the new Freshmen. We will be playing a card game involving trading, food will be provided.
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Tuesday, August 30

UC Merced Police Department
Information and Property Registration
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Main Entrance (KL 155)

- Department of Public Safety Information & Bike and Electronic Registration Booth
- The Citizens Police Academy
- The RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Program
- Mentor Program
- UCM Alert
- Text-A-Tip
- Lost and Found
- Emergency Preparedness Program
- VIRT (Violent Intruder Response Training)

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Got Conflict!? ... “You can’t shake hands with a clenched fist.”
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SSB 250

Do you have conflict with someone? Will you? What’s your conflict style? Are there confidential places to go for help? Learn practical strategies for dealing with conflict through group discussion and campus resources that can help when tough situations arise.

Whose Flag is it Anyway?
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Scholar’s Lane

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Financial Aid Advisors Meet & Greet
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Bobcat Lair

Join the Financial Aid Advising team for FREE FOOD! Learn about the services our office provides and how we can help you. We look forward to your joining us for this event!

Library Checkpoint
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
KL 255

Library and IT Express staff will be on hand at a table in KL 255 between noon and 2pm on August 30 and August 31 to help students get set for the semester. We will help with setting up the VPN, reserving study spaces, and navigating library resources.

Planner Party
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
California Room

Make the most of your academic planner by coming to our planner party. Plan out your semester, get advice from your peers, and get to #adulting. Students, if you missed Orientation, this is a great opportunity for you. Bring your own syllabi and we will take care of the rest (food, stationary, crafts, etc.). Prizes will include Passion Planners, Gift Cards, and more!

Kooldown with Kappa
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Cat Quad

Come beat the heat with the ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma on Tuesday, August 30th from 1-3pm in the Cat Quad. We hope you stop by, grab some ice cream, and get a chance to talk to some of the wonderful ladies of KKG.

Bobcat Leadership Series
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Bobcat Lair

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Life of A Pre-Med Student
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM
COB 2 170
Calling all PRE-MED students! Wanna know what it is like to be a pre-med student at UC Merced? Let members of Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity tell you their experiences as first year students at UC Merced. We will share with you what it really means to be pre-med at UC Merced. In addition, we will share with you specific tips and tricks in making sure your first semester at UC Merced is a successful one as well as steps you could take in preparing for medical school.

Sustainable Bobcats
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Alpine Room
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VIP Program — Bad Ads
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
COB 113
What is rape culture? Come learn how advertisements contribute to rape culture and what we can do to change our culture through cautious consuming – not only of products, but of our media as well. Let it be known that you’re #NotBuyingIt!

Fraternity & Sorority Life Meet n Greet
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Wallace-Dutra Amphitheater
Welcome home! We invite all students to join us for our annual FSL Meet n Greet! This is a amazing opportunity to learn about the fraternity and sorority community at UC Merced, enjoy free food, and dance the night away!

VIP Program — See, Say, Do Something
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
COB 113
Have you ever dreamed about saving the day, stepping in to help others, and solving problems? In times like these we need Bobcats to step in when others are not willing or do not know how to take action. This program will empower participants with the ability to pounce on troubling situations and provide lessons on how you can become a better Bobcat.

Rufus Wii and Game Night
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Bobcat Lair (KL 169)
Come connect with your fellow Bobcats for a night of gaming. Held in the Bobcat Lair KL 169, the games will be projected onto 2 large projection screens. Want to play online games? Bring your friends and laptops and play together using the Library’s Wi-Fi. Not into electronic games? Board games, card games, and coloring books will also be available. We’ll provide food to keep you fueled.

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Information and Property Registration
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Main Entrance (KL 155)
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Welcome to UC Merced's Welcome Week 2016!

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Kick It with Campus Safety
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Cat Quad
Welcome Bobcats! Come join us for an afternoon of fun, snacks and information at the Kick it with Campus Safety event! Learn about programs and services offered by campus safety departments and have a chance to win a prize!

VIP Program — What’s Your Media Feeding You?
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
COB 274
Program Description: Come check out our program about how the media portrays healthy versus unhealthy relationships. Find out if you are getting a balanced “diet.”

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SSB 250
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A Glimpse into Engineering at UCM
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
SE2 224
Interested in pursuing engineering studies at UC Merced? Materials Research Society is hosting an engaging discussion where you can learn more about engineering, material science, and nanotechnology from one of our very own Dr. Christopher Viney from the Material Science and Engineering Department. Refreshments will be provided.

Make Your Mark Through UCSA
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Alpine Room
Are you interested in student advocacy? Activism? Lobbying? Advocating for student issues? UC Student Association (UCSA) has a place for you, come cool down as you learn more about how you fit in our schools External Office of ASUCM.

Career Tips on How to Make the Most Out of Your College Experience for Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SSB 250
Questions on how to make the most of your college experience? Look no further! This workshop will answer your career questions and provide a suggested timeline with specific steps to achieve student success!

Military Bootcamp
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
The Bowl
Athletics tournament with obstacle course

Bobcat Leadership Series
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Bobcat Lair
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Fraternity & Sorority Life Info Session
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Chancellor’s Conference Room (KL 232)
Welcome home! Interested in joining a fraternity or sorority at UC Merced? Come to this informational session about what it means to join a fraternity or sorority, learn about the different type of chapters, and learn about the unique values opportunity provided through membership.

How to Talk to Your Professor 101
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Alpine Room
Delta Sigma Pi will provide incoming freshmen information on how to speak to professors, professional etiquette, and teach them about the importance of office hours. Throughout the workshop we will look at some of the common mistakes that occur amongst incoming freshmen when talking to professors and e-mailing them. Professor of Economics, Justin Hick, will also share his experience as a professor and how interacting early on with professors can positively affect your

Best Selling Author Joshua Seth
The Focus Formula: How To Master Your Morning, Double Your Productivity, and Get Your Life Back
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Wallace-Dutra Amphitheatre
From the author of the best-selling book Finding Focus In a Busy World: How To Tune Out The Noise and Work Well Under Pressure. Joshua Seth is the ideal productivity speaker to deliver an info-taining presentation on how to program your mind to FOCUS so you can become more productive and successful in everything you do.

It’s also a lot of fun because, as a real-life mentalist, Joshua illustrates his points with mind-blowing effects. It’s amazing, funny, and most importantly, impactful.

‘The key to achieving more while doing less is relaxed concentration, the ability to focus on the task at hand until completion, and the clarity of mind to know what’s worth doing in the first place.’

Hypnosis Show - Joshua Seth
9:00 PM
Wallace-Dutra Amphitheatre
A real-life mentalist and author of the best-selling book “Finding Focus In A Busy World: How To Tune Out The Noise and Work Well Under Pressure”. As a speaker/entertainer, He is constantly on the road, presenting at corporate and college events. Despite all that, He is still best known for my other career as a voice actor and star of the hit animated series “Digimon”. He has also voiced roles on “Spongebob Squarepants” and over 65 other TV shows and movies. He lives on the Gulf coast of Florida when he’s not on tour or recording in Hollywood.
HEROES Open House
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM | HEROES Office - KL 117
You will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with HEROES interns all while getting some FREE goodies. You will be provided with an office tour and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions about health & wellness!

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Spirit Day
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM | OSL Conference Room (KL 184)
Spirit Day is held every first Friday of every month in which students dress in blue and gold to show off their school pride. Students that choose to dress up for spirit day receive a free giveaway.

Whose Flag is it Anyway?
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Meet n’ Greet
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM | SSB 160
In order to demonstrate that Rotaract is more than a community service based organization, this social will serve as an “icebreaker” for incoming and continuing members. Through a sense of familiarity by socializing with other individuals, new members are more likely to retain and continue their efforts with the club. The social will last for approximately two hours and refreshments will be provided. In addition, various games created by the board of Rotaract will be used in order to engage the attendees into participating.

CABapalooza
6:00 PM - 11:00PM | Ampitheater
CABapalooza features Youtube Famous artist of dance, comedy, and magic entertainment. Enjoy live performances by your favorite artists over local food vendors and refreshments!

Saturday, Sept 3

Bobcat Tailgate Party with the Blue Devils
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Odishoo Field at Merced College
Come enjoy a day of college football with the Merced College Blue Devils! Tailgating, games and music will be on deck as the Blue Devils open their season against the College of the Redwoods.

Distinguished Ladies Annual BBQ
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | Yosemite Lake
Annual BBQ hosted by Distinguished Ladies. This event is made to help bring old and new members together over fun, food, and games.

Welcome Back BBQ
6:30 PM | UC Merced Lake
Let us come together as a community and encourage one another.
Events Beyond Welcome Week

UC Merced Journey 5K
Saturday, Sept 10 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Scholars Lane
The 2nd Annual UC Merced Journey 5K will kick-off the new semester with a course down Scholars Lane, bridging the gap between the campus and community. All finishers receive a commemorative medal!

Cap & Town
Saturday, Sept 10 | 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Downtown Merced
Come celebrate with all your friends and community and over 12,000 people patronizing Downtown Merced while rocking the night away with music and fun. The festival will have lots of events and activities including awesome food vendors. There will also be three live stages with live bands and dance performances, a video game center, farmers market, craft fair, bounce houses, Army rock climbing wall and even a petting zoo. We will be partying in the streets until 11pm.

Mix n’ Mingle Series: An Evening with the Chancellor
Monday, Sept 12 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
S&E 2 - Solar Breezeway
This event is held to give all graduate students an opportunity to meet and mingle with UC Merced’s Chancellor, Dorothy Leland. Light refreshments will be available to all attendees. This event is only open to graduate students. No outside guests are permitted.

Annual San Francisco Multicultural Odyssey
Saturday, Sept 17 | 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
San Francisco, CA
The Multicultural Odyssey is an innovative and exciting program that will take students to San Francisco to engage and explore the various historical and cultural enclaves of the city while participating in a series of tasks and challenges. You do not want to miss this unique opportunity!

Academic Calendar 2016-2017

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RCO FAIR
AUGUST 30TH | FROM 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
OUTSIDE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE / SCHOLAR'S LANE

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FAIR
August 31st from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Outside Office of Student Life / Scholar's Lane

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Each year we have close to 80 community vendors showcase their opportunities and businesses on campus. Vendors are made up of community businesses within the city of Merced.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL JIM GREENWOOD
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
JGREENWOOD@UCMERCED.EDU
Dine and Learn
MONEY WISE
Bobcat Institute

FALL 2016

TIRED OF RE-LEARNING THE BASICS OF MONEY?
COME AND ENJOY DINNER AS YOU EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE
ON VARIOUS FINANCIAL TOPICS.

Bobcat Lair 4PM - 5PM

SEPTEMBER 12
Money Management & Budgeting Tips

OCTOBER 10
Avoiding Financial Fraud & Identity Theft

NOVEMBER 7
Understanding the Power of Credit
& Credit Scores

NOVEMBER 30
Investing for Your Success

For More Information Please Contact Enrique Guzman at eguzman@ucmerced.edu.

LIBRARY CHECKPOINT

Come learn about library resources to start your semester on the right track!

✓ Set up your VPN
✓ Learn about reserving spaces
✓ Check out our 24/7 Chat
✓ And more!

Tuesday August 30th and
Wednesday August 31st in KL 255
12pm - 2pm

MAKE YOUR MARK - IT'S YOUR MOVE!
BOBCAT DAY WITH THE BLUE DEVILS

SEPTEMBER 3 | 10AM–NOON
ODISHOO FIELD AT MERCED COLLEGE | KICK-OFF AT NOON

TICKETS FREE FOR THE FIRST 100 BOBCATS WEARING THEIR BLUE AND GOLD!
OPEN TO ALL UC MERCED STUDENTS WITH A VALID STUDENT ID

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT EMAIL JAMES HATIEN, JHATTEN@UCMERCED.EDU
The UC Merced Campus Store does more than distribute textbooks. It is also your main source for Bobcat apparel, and a convenient place to pick up school supplies and snacks!

In addition, the UC Merced Campus Store continues to partner with Apple Computers to provide the best products at academic discounts.

Show your **BOBCAT PRIDE** by wearing our imprinted gear!

Clothing, hats, gifts, and more!

Stop by and check it out!

**TEXTBOOKS**

*It’s official!*

Students, you can now purchase or rent textbooks using your student account! You can spend up to $700.00 at the start of each semester!

On-Campus Students can now purchase their Dorm Gear right from the Campus Store! No need to make a trek into town, and the best part: YOU CAN USE CAT DOLLARS!

**GRAB & GO FOOD**

Hungry? The Campus Store is the ultimate pit stop for a variety of ice cold drinks, snacks, sandwiches & more! So, whether you want a meal, or just a light nibble, the Campus Store is the place to go!
WHAT WILL YOU DO TO CHANGE THE WORLD?
Find out how you can get involved in one the CIVIC LEADERSHIP IMPACT INITIATIVES.

- Mentoring high school students
- Motivating middle school students to stay in school
- Helping a young child learn to read

I CAN READ
Literacy Initiative

Engaging in our community ethically and effectively
civicleadership@ucmerced.edu
H.E.R.O.E.S. is a group of trained student interns who provide outreach on a variety of health topics. The H.E.R.O.E.S. develop programs that promote healthy choices, direct students to resources, and advocate for a campus community that encourages healthy living.

FOLLOW US!

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Ice Cream Time

School of Engineering

Engineering Students!
Stop by and enjoy a Popsicle or ice cream bar with your academic advisors. Learn about engineering orgs and meet other students in engineering!

WHEN: Thursday Aug. 25, 2016
TIME: 3:00PM-4:00PM
PLACE: Breezeway outside Science & Engineering 2

Visit us:
• 315 Science & Engineering 2 • (209) 228-4411 • engr-advising.ucmerced.edu
UC Merced Freshman!

We, at Target, congratulate you on attending UC Merced! On Tuesday, August 23rd, we will be having our annual UC Merced Night at our store and we hope you can attend! Come in and win prizes from giveaways, dance along to a DJ, and score great deals on everything you need to start the school year off right! College can be expensive, and here at Target we offer plenty of ways to save. Start saving on your college essentials today by signing up for a RedCard and our Cartwheel App.

By signing up for a Target RedCard, you get:

• An extra 5% savings, every time you shop - groceries, last minute school supplies, and everything in between!
• 5% off all your Target.com purchases and free shipping
• An additional 30 days for returns. lost your receipt? Use your RedCard! We can use your RedCard to look up transactions and issue returns.
• We offer two types of RedCards: a CREDIT card for those trying to build their credit and a DEBIT card, which connects directly to your bank account. If you would like a Debit RedCard all you need to bring is a blank check and we can have you signed up in less than a minute! Don’t have time to come in the store? Don’t have checks? Sign up online today!

Cartwheel by Target is an app that allows you to save anywhere from 5 to 50% in store on everything you already purchase like groceries and healthcare essentials. Download the app onto your mobile device and check out the offers, or come in and scan the items as you shop! Just show your barcode at checkout and save! BONUS TIP: you can stack your 5% RedCard savings on top of your Cartwheel discount!

Back to College Registry! Students need a lot of things for school but, sometimes, letting people know can be a little tricky. Target now offers a free back to school registry which can be created online, in-store or by downloading the Registry app on your smartphone. Create a registry and save! Receive a coupon for 15% off the items remaining on your registry!

Want to beat the back to school crowd? We also offer free store pickup! Place your order online and choose store pickup at checkout, come in with your ID and pick up your items.

Be one of the first 2000 people at the door to receive a special one-use coupon for an additional discount off your entire purchase during the night of the event. We look forward to seeing you this year at our annual Target Back to College Night Event!

Your local Target Store Team
Merced, CA
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCEDESWELCOME HOMEclass of 2020!

August 24
Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) Info Session
6-7pm @ Bobcat Lair

August 25
FSL INFO SESSION
6-7pm @ California Room

August 30
FSL MEET n GREET
7-9pm @ Ampitheater

August 31
FSL INFO SESSION
6-7 pm @ KL 232
SAVE THE DATE

Social Justice Retreat

NOVEMBER 11-13, 2016

UC Merced is celebrated for its racial, ethnic, regional, and socio-economic diversity. What is the reality of this diversity and its impact on UCM?

Attend the retreat and you will have an opportunity to hear the experiences of your fellow Bobcats and EXPLORE the impact of those experiences as well as ENGAGE in interactive and thought provoking activities!

MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN SEPTEMBER!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS EMAIL ONAR PRIMITIVO, COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES, OPRIMITIVO@UCMERCED.EDU IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RETREAT.
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES
PRESENTS

EXPLORE THE BAY IN A DAY
SAN FRANCISCO MULTICULTURAL ODYSSEY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
7AM-9PM
ALL-DAY EVENT.

TO REGISTER AND MORE INFORMATION:
TINYURL.COM/2016SFODYSSEY

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL ONAR PRIMITIVO, COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES,
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WELCOMEWEEK2016
The University of California, Merced invites you to attend Family Weekend October 21-23, 2016, a campus-wide celebration in honor of parents, grandparents and all extended family!

We encourage you to take part in this unique experience, which will provide your family the opportunity to explore the University of California, Merced and everything it has to offer.

Additional details will be posted on the Office of Student Life website in late August.

A brochure, which includes programs and details and registration information will also be sent to parents in late August using the student permanent addresses on file with the University.

Register early to guarantee a 20% discount off the registration price. For more information, please contact Enrique Guzman, eguzman@ucmerced.edu
# Violence Intervention and Prevention Program

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Fulfill your Mandatory Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) requirement by attending one of these workshops.

Contact tfugere@ucmerced.edu if you have any questions!
Come discover the secrets on how to find focus in your busy world, then be mesmerised by a fantastic show of illusion and hypnosis!

Wednesday, August 31st

Best-selling author of “Finding Focus In a Busy World” and real-life mentalist!

JOSHUA ETH
**OUR VISION**
The Office of Student Life inspires and empowers UC Merced students to become transformational leaders of positive social change worldwide.

**OUR MISSION**
Guided by the principles of leadership, service and social justice, the Office of Student Life at UC Merced creates innovative co-curricular student-centered programs and services that support the University’s academic mission and connect students with resources and opportunities for social, intellectual and personal development.